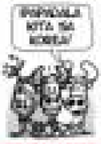
South Koreans ready for life with robots



SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA—South Korea, the world's most wired country, is aiming to turn what sounds like science fiction into everyday life.

The government, which succeeded in getting broadband Internet into 72 [illegible]

ROBOTS A13

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER
BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS
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RP Catholic groups brace for 'Da Vinci' film attacks

By Christian V. Esguerra

PHILIPPINE CATHOLIC GROUPS ARE GEARING up for the expected assault on the Christian faith with the worldwide release next month of the Hollywood blockbuster based on Dan Brown's hugely popular "The Da Vinci Code" novel.

The "theological thriller," a clever dissembling [illegible] Church teachings on specific issues, will [illegible]

RP CATHOLIC A6

Abalos tells critics of Cha-cha: Go to SC



DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Tourists look at a mural of Pope John Paul II, made up of small photographs of his face, in Krakow, Poland and the rest of the Catholic world commemorated the first anniversary of his death on Sunday. (Story in The World, Page A38.) AP

Senate to file suit to stop verification

By Lalia B. Salaverria and TJ Burgonio

COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS Chair Benjamin Abalos Sr. yesterday challenged groups opposed to the verification of millions of signatures in support of a shift to a parliamentary form of government to get an injunction from the Supreme Court if they believed that the verification process violated the high tribunal's earlier ruling.

"Let us stop arguing. They should go to the Supreme Court and stop us," Abalos said in a phone interview yesterday.

Senators will respond to Abalos' challenge.

"We are preparing for that. This matter will ultimately reach the Supreme Court," Senate President Franklin Drilon said.

The Supreme Court ruled in 1997 that the Initiative and Referendum Act was not enough to cover a people's initiative to effect Charter change (Cha-cha).

Abalos said nobody was seeking to formally stop the poll body although certain people claimed that the Comelec's verification of the signatures violated the high tribunal's decision.

"I'm not saying they're incorrect. I have a lot of respect for these people and we may just have different interpretations of the decision," Abalos said. "If you believe you are right, then you should go to the Supreme Court and get an injunction."

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ABALOS A22



STANDING tall is starlet Keanna Reeves, who appears on stage as she is declared winner of the Pinoy Big Brother Celebrity Edition.

Starlet wins reality TV show amid vote-buy raps

By Nini Valera
Entertainment

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STARLET A9

Firms seek rules on new power scheme

By Abigail L. Ho
Business

A GROUP OF LARGE POWER USERS yesterday welcomed the news of Manila Electric Co.'s declaration of partial open access, but withheld its decision on whether to stick with Meralco or find other power suppliers until after the rules for the new scheme shall have been finalized.

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FIRMS A22

'Maximo' bags another int'l film award

By Bayani San Diego Jr.
Entertainment

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MAXIMO A8

Opposition boycott puts pressure on Thaksin

BANGKOK—THAILAND'S EMBATTLED prime minister urged the country to ignore an opposition boycott of snap elections yesterday saying the vote was crucial to ending the country's deepening political stalemate.

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THAKSIN has promised to step down if his party gets less than 50 percent of the vote.

OPPOSITION A8

WEATHER FORECAST

[illegible]

Second FRONTPAGE

Palparan gives NPA 5 more months

By Tonette Orejas
PDI Central Luzon Desk

MEXICO, PAMPANGA—CONTROVERSIAL MAJ. Gen. Jovito Palparan Jr. has set Sept. 21 this year—his 56th birthday—as the deadline for wiping out the communist insurgency no administration has succeeded in licking for nearly four decades.

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Miriam: Get a degree first

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Filipino's dreams died in Bahrain



BAHALAN

Workers implore Rosales

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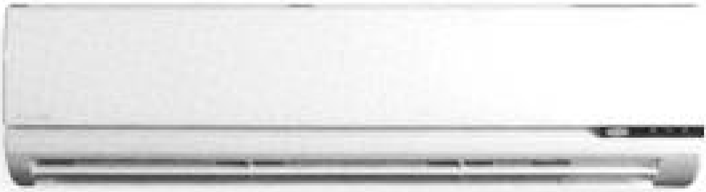
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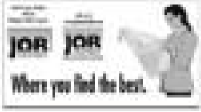
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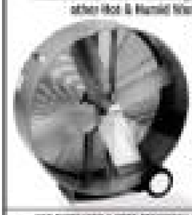
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Occasion to know Jesus

Individual efforts

Concerned about lies

Correction





Drop rap, Imelda urges



MARCOS

Opposition boycott puts pressure on Thaksin

Official results Tuesday

Ensure fair polls

Vote meaningless

'Maximo' bags ...

Story of gay boy

Int'l jurors

Other awards

Starlet wins reality TV show



Kilabot ng Senado

Live from Post Office

'I want to pee'

Mayor, others charged in alleged drug overprice

Traders

Allowable

medical center trading corporation

Celebrates 60 Years

Health Care for Generations of Filipinos!

BRIEF HISTORY

In 1946, a Filipino of Chinese [illegible] (Ronald Landish) began supplying pharmaceuticals and [illegible] under the name of Medical Center Drug Corporation. In July 1986 the name was officially changed to Medical Center Trading Corporation [illegible] and effort to supply the [illegible] needs of the market. Eventually, MCTC became [illegible] medical, dental, surgical and laboratory equipment and supplies in less than five years.

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MCTC re-affirms its commitment to the Filipino people. Evolving quality standards are adequately met and consistently surpassed. It takes to heart its avowed mission: to contribute meaningfully to the health care concerns of a developing nation!



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Messages



Warmest greetings to the Board, officers and employees of the Medical Center Trading Corporation as you celebrate your 60th Anniversary.

Your corporation's objective of providing quality products and excellent health care complements our efforts to improve our people's access to much needed health services. The fact that you have reached this milestone proves your success in addressing the requirements of your clients for six decades now.

May you remain steadfast in your commitment to the development of a healthy citizenry that will be the cornerstone of a progressive nation. I hope for your continued triumph in the years to come.

Again, happy anniversary! Mabuhay!

GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO
President
Republic of the Philippines



My warmest felicitations to the officers and staff of the Medical Center Trading Corporation as they celebrate their 60th Year Anniversary.

The Department of Health commends your continuous commitment and objective of providing only the best quality products and excellent health care services for the benefit of our people.

Let us work together and increase our efforts to further improve our services and provide accessible, quality and affordable health care to all.

On this momentous occasion, may unity, reliability and perseverance be the values that guide your company as you continue your commitment to serve and improve the health needs of people.

Congratulations and mabuhay kayong lahat!

Francisco T. Duque III
Secretary
Department of Health



The 60th founding anniversary of Medical Center Trading Corporation is a cause for celebration. It is a virtual toast to the thousands who have continuously and consistently supported the ideals of the company. They have not wavered in their quest to improve the health of Filipinos.

We extend our deepest gratitude to our local and foreign suppliers who have been equally uncompromising when it comes to quality, dependability and affordability of products meant for the Philippine market. They have shown the true value of an enduring partnership.

We also thank the general public for their trust and confidence. Through the years, customers have nurtured and strengthened our resolve to identify their changing needs and preferences. In like manner, MCTC's corps of professional personnel has been equally up to the challenge. It has withstood the challenges of the years and responded very well. The company's stakeholders can look forward to many years of quality healthcare products sourced from all over the world. We will continue to serve the Filipino people with the same resolve, vision and vigor for many generations to come!

Maraming salamat sa inyong patuloy na pagtangkilik!

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President
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Opinion



Dirty deeds

EDITORIAL

BY AND LARGE, THE PUBLIC KNOWS THE WHY OF the Arroyo administration's rush to change the Constitution: President Macapagal-Arroyo wants to survive politically until at least 2010. Not too many know the how of the plan, however. As columnist Raul Pangalangan explained the other day, the administration's entire strategy rests on the power of the fait accompli, the done deed.

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Why Filipinos are dropping dead

As I See It

Neal H. Cruz

[illegible]

Modest proposal

There's the Rub

Conrado de Quiros

[illegible]

Why amendments only?

SOUNDING BOARD

Fr. Joaquin G. Bernas, S.J.



The greatest heist of all

KRIS-CROSSING MINDANAO



Assassination with a smile

THE LONG VIEW

Manuel L. Quezon III



A guest speaker in Sitio Talaga

COMMENTARY





Daily dose of kindness

Why not on front page?

Touch-up done on 'horrible' roads

What hero?

Resignation as a cure

Gov't anticrime body faces ax

By Luige A. del Puerto

Police nab 2 rich gang members

Luige A. del Puerto

Ex-cop accused of rights abuses slain

COMMUNIST GUERRILLAS SHOT DEAD A RETIRED town police chief they accused of past human rights abuses and wounded a policeman and a militiaman in near simultaneous attacks, police said Sunday.

6 crime gang members killed in Bataan clash

Arsonists stalk Bicol schools; same pattern seen

Army forces attack NPA bases in Quezon, Bicol

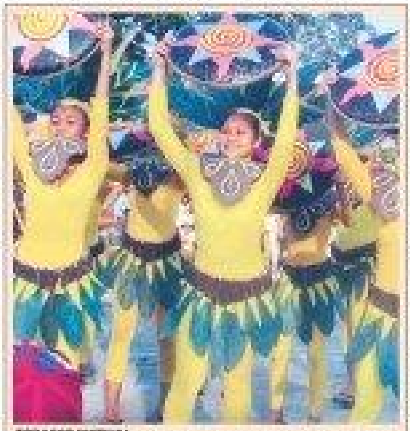
Owwa probes report of Pinoy torture in Saudi

Delay in case of slain Aklan radioman scored

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Army chided for linking paper's revival to Reds

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TOBACCO FESTIVAL

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SC may resolve media suit soon

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ROUNDUP

Barangay chief, pa slain

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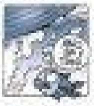
Murder probe pressed

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Extort gang member killed

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Dive boat runs aground



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3 NPA guerrillas killed

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Ex-PNP chief cries foul



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3 NPA rebels surrender

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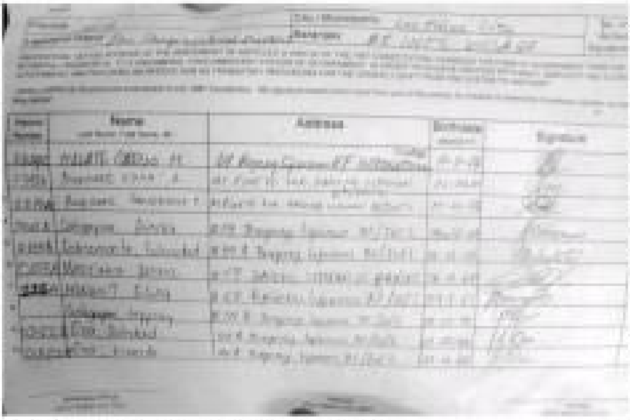
20 customs district officials reshuffled

Army exec mediates radio station dispute

DENR scraps laws biased against married women

GMA now flies 'new, refurbished' Cha-cha plane

Abalos tells critics of Cha-cha: Go to SC



A SAMPLE form signed by residents of Barangay BF International Village in Las Piñas City.



A RESIDENT of Barangay BF International Village signs up for a "people's initiative" to amend the Charter

Petition for prohibition

Inadequate

'Initiatory step'

Adherence to precedence

Bishop Arguelles

Firms seek rules on new power scheme

Unconditional offer

SRC approval

New cartel?

South Koreans ready for life with robots

From page A1

percent of all households in the last half decade, has mandated an army of scientists and business leaders to make robots full members of society.

By 2007, networked robots that, say, relay messages to parents, teach children English, and sing and dance for them when they get bored, are scheduled to enter mass production.

Outside the home, they are expected to guide customers at post offices, or patrol public areas, searching for intruders and transmitting images to monitoring centers.

If all goes according to plan, robots will be in every South Korean household between 2015 and 2020.

That is the prediction, at least, of the Ministry of Information and Communication, which has grouped more than 30 companies, as well as 1,000 scientists from universities and research institutes, under its wing.

Some want to move even faster.

"My personal goal is to put a robot in every home by 2010," said Oh Sang-rok, manager of the ministry's intelligent service robot project.

Reeling from the Asian financial crisis of 1997, South Korea decided that becoming a high-tech nation was the only way to secure its future.

Technology to homemakers

The government deregulated the telecommunications and Internet service industries and made homeowners or companies lay cables in cities and into the countryside.

The government offered information technology courses to homemakers, subsidized computers for low-income families, and made the country the first in the world to have high-speed Internet in every primary, junior and high school.

As with robots and most other specific technologies, the government has had a strong hand in guiding businesses and research centers. Failures have occurred—most spectacularly in biotechnology, where the cloning scientist, Dr. Hwang Woo-suk, was exposed as a fraud—but the successes are many.

Superfast Internet service

Koreans have been able to watch television broadcasts on cell phones free, thanks to government-subsidized technology.

In April, South Korea will introduce the first nationwide superfast wireless Internet service, called WiBro, eventually making it possible for Koreans to remain online on the go—at 18 megabits per second, faster than most conventional broadband connections.

Oh said South Korea lagged behind American, Japanese and European competitors in robotics but was aiming to be No. 3 by 2013.

While other countries have focused on developing military, industrial or humanoid robots, he said, South Korea decided three years ago to develop service robots that, instead of operating independently due to their intelligence from being part of a network. The New York Times

OFWs against Cha-cha

A MILITANT GROUP OF OVERseas Filipino workers said Saturday it would do everything to derail the Charter change efforts of the Arroyo administration. [illegible]

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FUN IN THE SUN

Children play a game during lunch time on a sidewalk in Cubao, Quezon City.

Trader's wife still won't talk to cops

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

Not yet ready

No basis

Lifting of number-coding scheme in April seen

By Margaux C. Ortiz

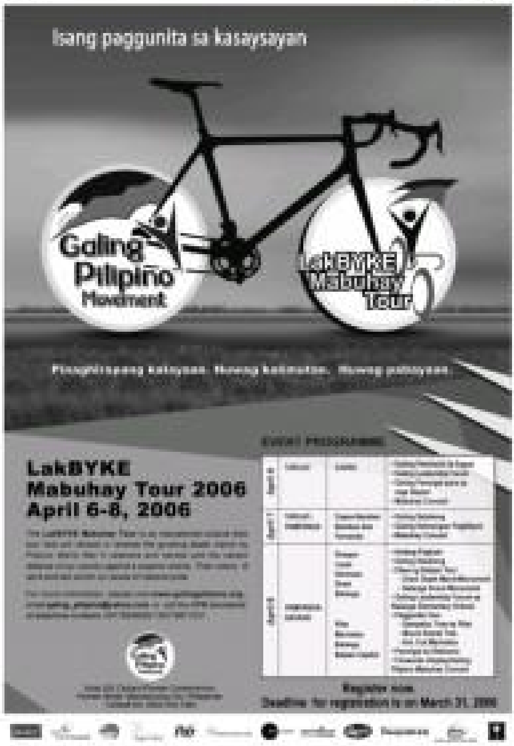
Let them drive

Effective until June

Traders' route undergoes facelift

Greatly improved

Margaux C. Ortiz



Woman killed in Intramuros

By Margaux C. Ortiz



10 inmates bolt Pasay youth jail

TEN ALLEGED juvenile delinquents escaped from the Pasay Youth Jail after sawing off the bars of their cell window on Saturday night.

Margaux C. Ortiz





Honest workers abound at Naia

By Nikko Dizon

French Socialists issue strike call over jobs law



Hundreds flee as floods swamp Central Europe



Iran terror response seen to US strike

Kurdish protesters rampage in Turkey

Preachers' wives can lead difficult lives, say experts

By Woody Baird



The WORLD

Music, prayer, promises

Catholic world marks anniversary of Pope's death

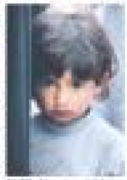
KRAKOW, POLAND—POLAND and the rest of the Catholic world on Sunday commemorates the first anniversary of the death of Pope John Paul II, with his successor, Benedict XVI, leading a special Mass in Rome.



THE BODY of Pope John Paul II lies in state in Saint Peter's Basilica at the Vatican in this April 5, 2005 photo.

Despite risks, freed reporter loved Iraq

By Robert Worth



SPORTS

Editor: Teddyvic S. Melendres

Salvacion saves Kings with trey in extra time

IT REALLY WAS HIS DAY.





Juvic rules tough Korean Tour qualifying

Jewels regain share of lead; Titans prevail



Taiwanese, Ukrainian netters take 2 titles

Spring Oil-Parañaque makes it 2 in a row

Old meat Larios could also be tender, soft

Bare Eye

Recah Trinidad



Sportswatch

Red Cubs nail Tangkad Lagad crown

PSA Forum tackles Tour Pilipinas

Mayor Sagun golf at Sherwood Hills

PCAP 5-cock derby gets going

La Salle All-Stars trounce Far Eastern five



UCLA, Florida set NCAA title date

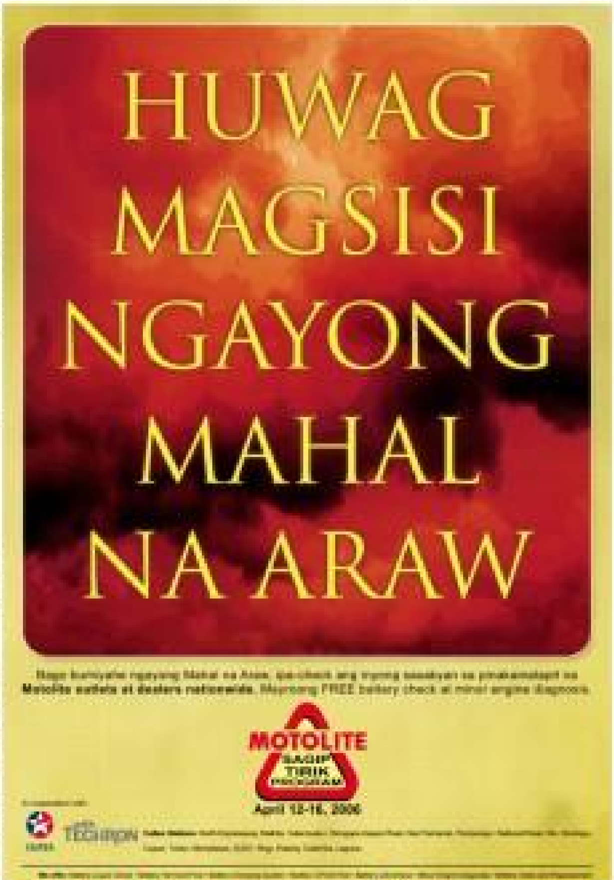
LeBron wins duel vs Wade

CLEVELAND—LEBRON JAMES posted his 10th career triple-double to come out on top in his showdown with Dwyane Wade as the Cleveland Cavaliers cooled the Miami Heat, 106-99, on Saturday.

Kuznetsova claims Florida tennis title



Alonso foils Raikkonen, rules Aussie Grand Prix





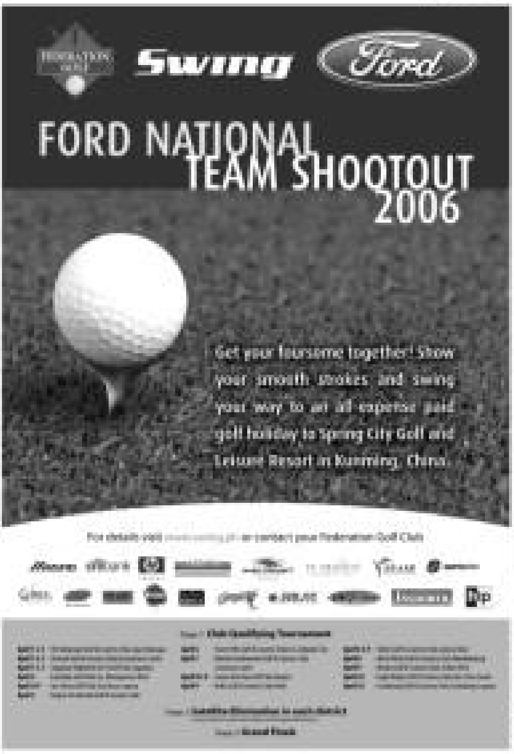
MY Games action up; 2 legends honored





Ochoa takes 3-shot lead over Wie





Make or break

Clean Living



Lim, Ramos gain last eight

ENTERTAINMENT



Under appeal!

MMFF allocations out; not everyone's happy









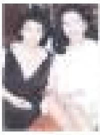
Her so-called life with movie stars

YESTERDAY





AT AGE 15









AT AGE 3



Surprise hit

Midas touch

The young Ms. Azucena Vera-Perez never understood why her classmates were fascinated with celebrities

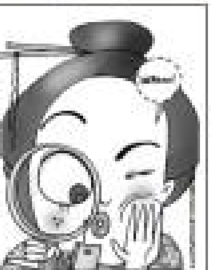




Rare photos

Hello? TV to go, please!

CHEER FACTOR



No buttons

Switch over

Might as well

New TV series less than magical

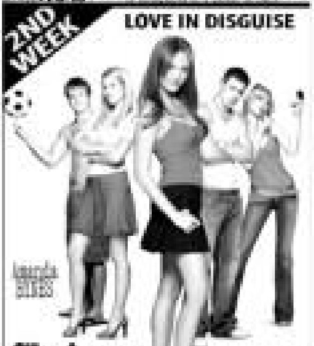
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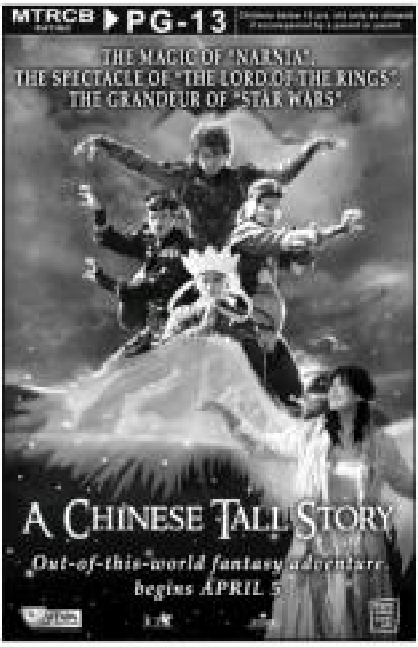
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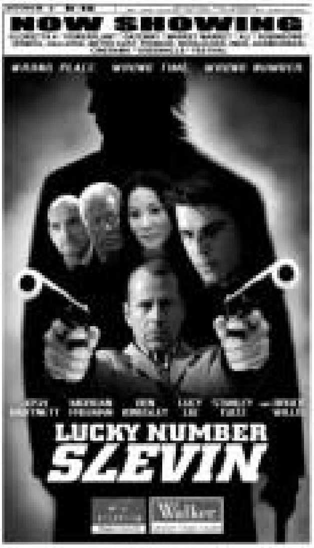
New season





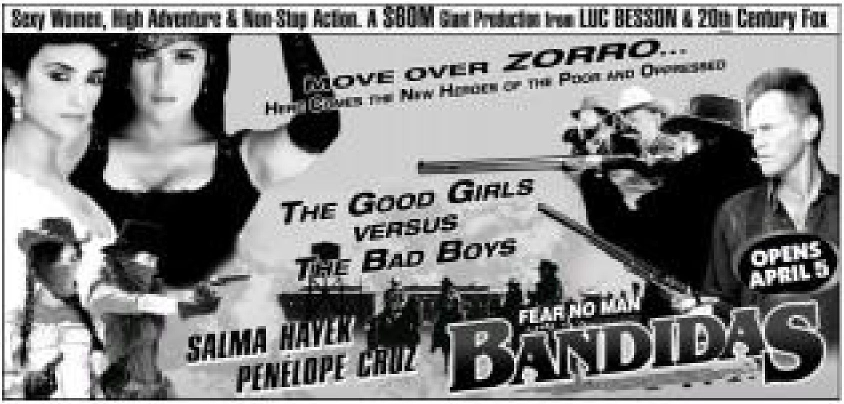












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ROUNDUP

Inspirational songs lead Awit hopefuls

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Year of fools

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MICHAEL Jackson

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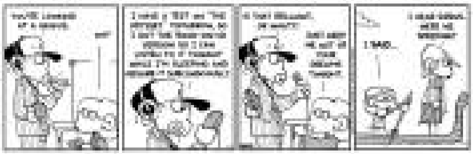


GEORGE Clooney

$45,100 swag bag

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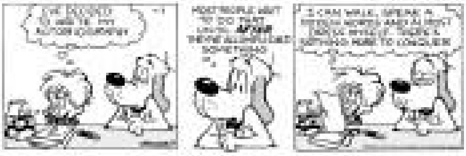
FOXTROT — BY BILL AMEND



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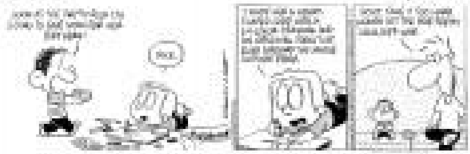
MARVIN — BY TOM ARMSTRONG



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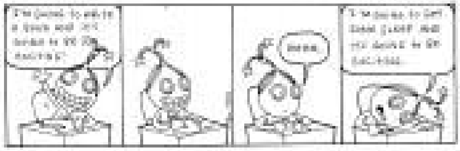


BABY BLUES — BY JERRY SCOTT

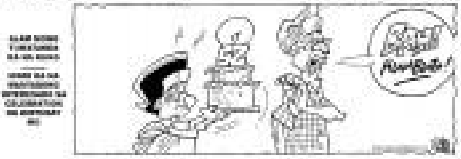


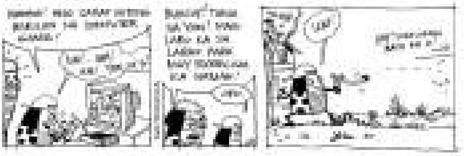
MUTTS — BY PATRICK McDONNELL



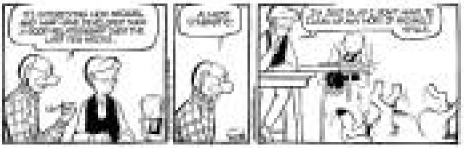


DIVINE COMEDY





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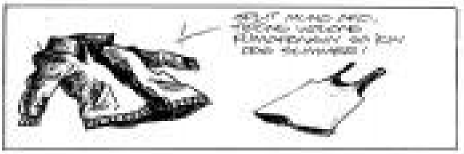
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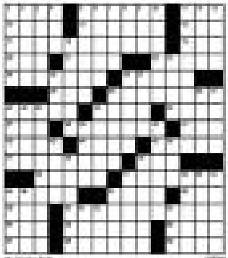


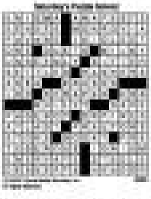
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Horoscope

Daily Crossword





Entertainment

Feedback

Why, Martin!

From Leh Ampon ... United Arab Emirates

Martin Nievera is no longer as famous as he used to be. Besides, he left Philippine show business because he wanted to make it big in the US. What happened? Did he fail there? ... why should he want to stay in a show where few of the cast members can carry a tune? Why not just go to the other network, where he can be with real singers like himself?

Thanks, Piolo

From Kel Alvarado ... Lansing, Michigan, USA

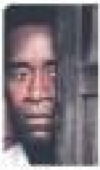
It's very inspiring to read about Piolo Pascual's relationship with his mom. My mother and I are not close, but whenever I read or hear stories like this, I become hopeful that our relationship will someday improve, too. You touch many lives just by sharing these wonderful stories. Thank you, and let's have more of these.

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Don Cheadle

'Rwanda'—a point of order

Distortion

Erroneous

AFP

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- JUST FRIENDS

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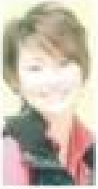
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ENTERTAINMENT

Selective goodwill

Kiss, hug, fireworks!

Anne grows up







ANNE Curtis

'Ice Age' fans

Are they mad?



CHERRY Pie Picache

Out of sight...

A word for mom



BIANCA Gonzales

In English, ha!



ZOREN and Carmina with their twins



BUSINESS

Editor: Raul D. Marcelo • Assistant Editor: Doris G. Nuñez

RP needs to do more to lure investors



AMAZONS OF MINDANAO
In a secluded village named Kibuko in [illegible], North Cotabato, lives a group of women who could appropriately be called the "Amazons of Mindanao." By mastering new technologies and entrepreneurial skills, these new age amazons are [illegible] bringing development to their community. [illegible] are now engaged in vegetable farming through various programs funded in part by the US Agency for International Development.

Study cites lessons from Thai experience

By Doris C. Dumlao

TAGAYTAY CITY—THE PHILIPPINES LAGS THAILand in attracting much-needed foreign capital due to huge gaps in infrastructure, investment parks and taxation, according to a study conducted by the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Philippines.

The comparative study, presented by Japan's bilateral delegation to the government during the Philippine Development Forum here, found out that while the Philippines was still sufficiently competitive in labor costs, Thailand was way ahead in most of the general state of investment climate.

The study, conducted in 2005, covered five specific areas of main concern to investors: labor-related matters, investment incentives, tax system, infrastructure and foreign exchange control.

It said labor costs in the Philippines were competitive with that

INVESTORS B4

GMA 7 hits 2005 profit target of P2B

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

GMA NETWORK INC. (GMA) announced that it hit its 2005 net income target of P2 billion, or 34 percent higher than the P1.5 billion in 2004.

It said consolidated gross revenues grew 24 percent to P9.7 billion from P7.8 billion in 2004.

However, operating expenses also jumped 22 percent to P5.2 billion last year, driven primarily by higher production cost. The network fielded three [illegible] and fantasy series or "telefantasyas" in 2005, including "Darna," "Encantadia" and "Sugo," compared with one in 2004.

New programs were also produced and aired on its free UHF Channel 11, which was launched in November last year. The promotion for QTV, the launching of GMA Pinoy TV and the regional awareness campaigns of the network also contributed to the increase in operating expenses, the company said.

In 2005, GMA maintained its lead in Mega Manila TV ratings in all day parts, including the highly contested primetime block. As of February this year, GMA posted total day ratings of 33.4 percent versus ABS-CBN's 14.5 percent, according to data from ratings firm AGB-NMR.

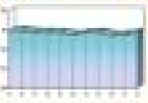
AGB-NMR data also showed that as of February this year, 17 out of the top 30 TV programs were from GMA with the network's primetime programs occupying the top spots.

GMA Network's regional news programs in Iloilo, Cebu and Davao as well as its national primetime news program "24 Oras" also took the top spot in ratings in those areas.

GMA Network prepaid the balance of its five-year long term loans of P1.9 billion last February, nine months ahead of the scheduled due date of November 2006. Financed using internally generated funds, GMA Network paid

GMA 7 B4

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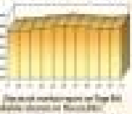


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STOCK MARKET

Consolidation seen to continue



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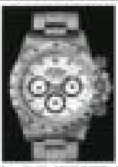
PDF, ODA and chaotic economists

NO FREE LUNCH





Metrobank Fun Savers Club: Teaching kids to save the fun way



Bikini economics

Oldest profession





COCKTAILES

Victor C. Agustin

Eva Air 'poaches' B-market



Invitation to Apply for Eligibility and to Bid

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Cocktales

Money-go-round

Heard through the grapevine

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

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Brady bonds cause stir

By Doris C. Dumlao

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BAP unit seeks capital from banks

Ayala hikes par value of new shares

RP needs ...

GMA 7 hits 2005 ...



Malaysian firm joins Masinloc winning bidder









Expansion of ice cream firm banks on OFWs

InfoTech

Editor Lee Magno

Alcatel sees Asia embracing convergent tech

By Alexander Villafania
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KMU slams call center industry

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Vista secure from attacks: Microsoft

By Erwin Oliva
Contributor

Real network convergence to happen by 2010—Alcatel

Alcatel sees Asia Pacific . . .

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SCREENSHOT of Microsoft's Vista Network Center

Microsoft says Vista . . .

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Call center offers free training to boost talent pool

Brady . . .

RP-Russia air rights negotiations slated

Increases in steel prices seen

Pressure comes from tightness of supply in world market



Gov't expects substantial cut in debt stock



TEVES

Transco posts 7.5% profit increase

Graft charges vs two SSS officials

QUESTIONS OF POLICIES



ESA opens school in China

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BUSINESS Monday

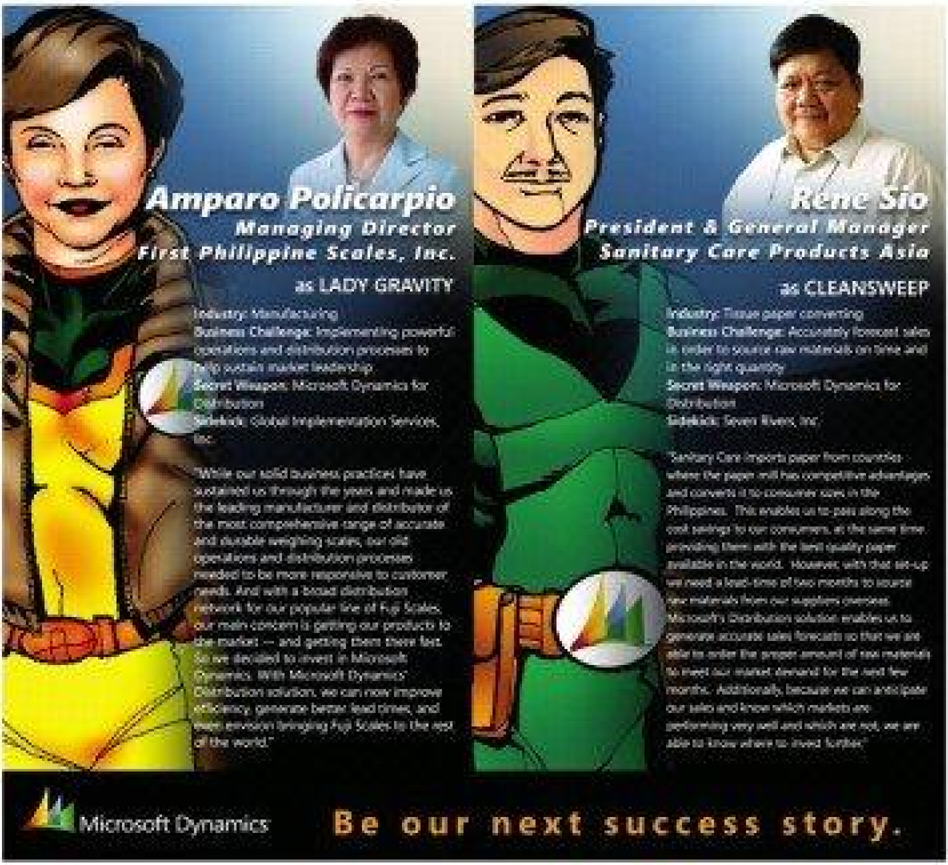
‘I’m no traditional entrepreneur, that’s my dad’

Lance Gokongwei bags entrepreneur award, but says why he’s not your picture of one



Cha-cha: Do we really need it?





Partially paid stocks

Corporate Securities Info

Raul Palabrica

Court ruling

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Extra degree means more pesos in pay

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Grandstand George—from limelight seeker to leader

A LEADER'S WAY

John C. Maxwell

MOVEMENTS

J&J has new Asean head

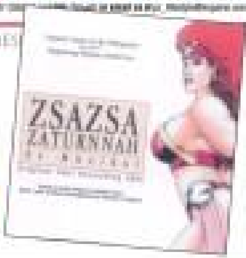
Changes at Leo Burnett

Insular Life promotes execs

New execs at Philamlife

LIFESTYLE

'Winner!' on stage and CD



'ZsaZsa Zaturnnah, Ze Muzikal's' original cast recording is a welcome documentation of a show that's both a cult object and a certified hit

By Gibbs Cadiz

IF AUDIENCE APPLAUSE WERE the only gauge of a show's success, then Tanghalang Pilipino's "ZsaZsa Zaturnnah, Ze Muzikal," with a four-weekend run in February which played to full, tumultuous houses, would qualify as a home run.

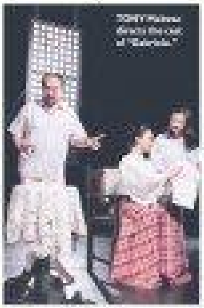
Rare status



'GABRIELA, AN ORATORIO'

A theatrical dazzler

The total impact of the production is unmistakably the achievement of Mabesa's sophistication







'Winner!' on stage and CD

Rudimentary

Workshop on cheerdancing and more



School of the damned



This deceptive boarding-school story from the 'Remains of the Day' author is a page-turner

Ballet Manila features Korean performances



BALLET Manila and Hwang Kyu Ja Yoo Ballet will perform "Giselle" with the prima ballerina and the premier danseur of Korea.



LEE WON Kook, popular danseur of Korea.



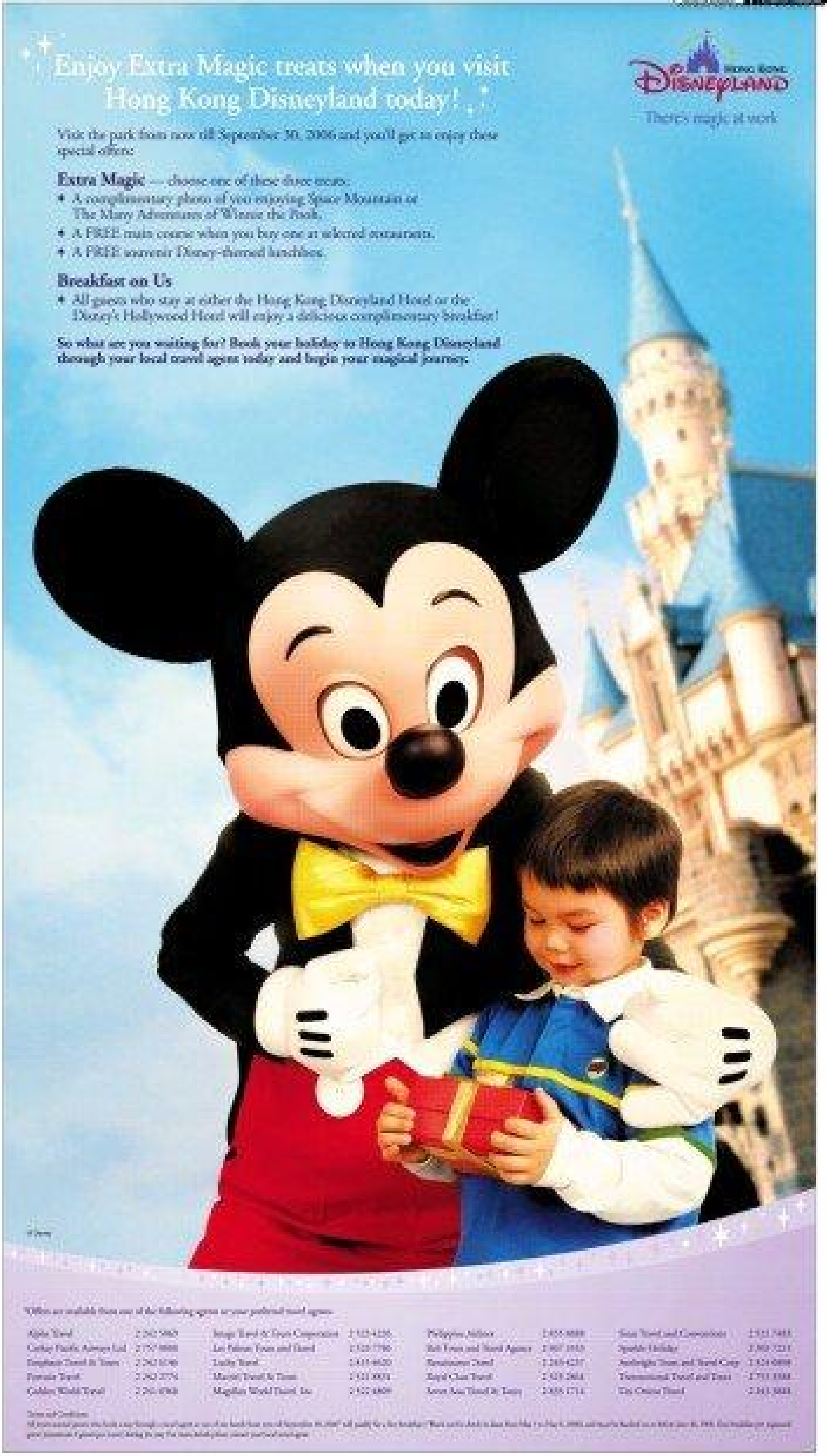
THE AUTHOR with her favorite book.

HOW HAS A BOOK CHANGED MY LIFE?

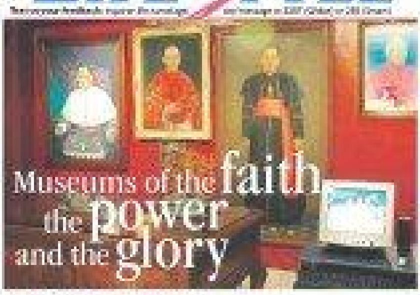
'Harry Potter' taught me how to help others



By Jessica Martinez


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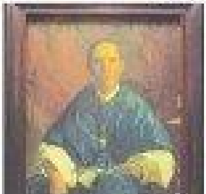
PORTRAITS of Filipino archbishops of Manila at the museum of the Arzobispado.

DESPITE BELONGING TO the majority religion in the country, Filipino Catholics are [illegible]

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'Living Canopy'

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FR. [illegible] [illegible], O.P., teacher of Manuel L. Quezon and Sergio Osmeña, in a portrait by [illegible].



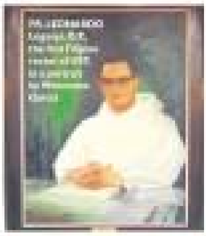






Museums of the faith, the power and the glory







UST Museum











Summer streetwalking discoveries



Walking tour guides

Bishop Reyes marks 25th anniversary

Colloquium on Filipino identity

INSTITUTO Cervantes is holding a round-table discussion on Filipino identity on April 4, 7 p.m., featuring English literature professor Isagani R. Cruz, writer Jessica Zafra, and anthropology professor Fernando Zialcita.

Highlights of the colloquium is a talk by Zialcita on his book "Authentic though Not Exotic," a collection of essays that address aspects of Filipino identity. The colloquium will be moderated by sociologist Checo Molina.

Instituto Cervantes is now in its new home at 855 TM Kalaw St., Ermita (a few minutes' walk from the UN LRT station). Call 02-5265-402 to 05.

"Authentic though Not Exotic," published by the Ateneo Press (02-4266001), is now available in Popular and Solidaridad bookstores.



Fishing for Healthier Options: What fish can do for you.

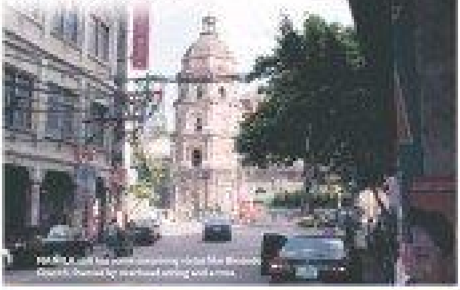


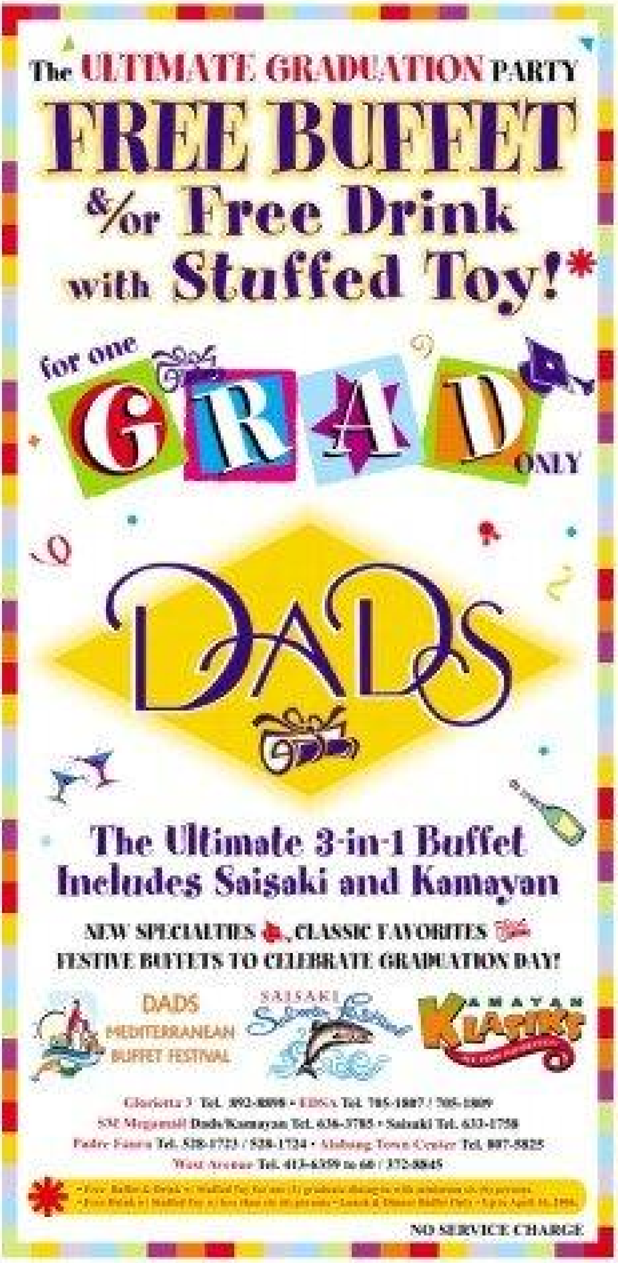


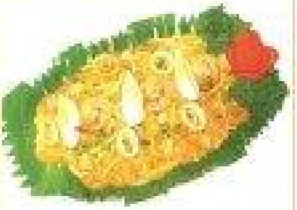
Summer streetwalking discoveries

PRIDE OF PLACE

Augusto F. Villalon







FREE DADS

Ultimate Buffet For The Grad

It's time again for togas, tassels, and triumphs! All ye graduates, stand tall with mortars on your head, and walk proud with diplomas in your hands. You are now the masters of your fates and the inheritors of tomorrows that before you get going on your promising futures, you've got to take the time to party!



This March DADS rolls out the red carpet for the 2006 grads! All graduates get a free for-grads-only drink and a commemorative stuffed toy, and grads dining with six persons or more get a free ultimate buffet meal! Bring your family and friends for a banquet of good food and fun activities.

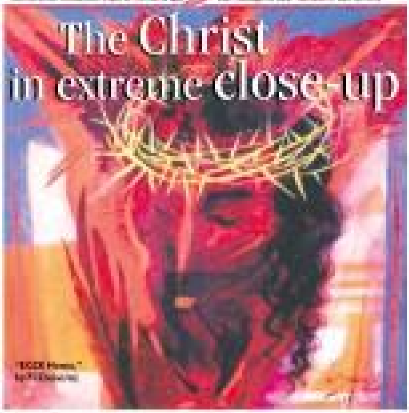
Commemorate your achievements with a feast no one can forget. Celebrate a great graduation tradition at Dads, Kamayan, and Saisaki. It's the Ultimate Graduation Party at the Ultimate Buffet venue! We've got new specialties, classic favorites, and festive buffets to fill your Graduation day with feasting! A grand Mediterranean Feast is Dads' buffet offering, Saisaki presents a fine Festival of Salmon dishes, while Kamayan Klasiks buffet features all your all-time favorites.





LIFESTYLE

The Christ in extreme close-up



"ECCE Homo," by S. Ching

By Lito B. Zulueta

KRISTO," the searing exhibit of the suffering Christ that is the brainchild of artist Salvador Ching, appears to have evolved an iconography of its own. Depicting the passion and bloodshed of the divine sacrifice, the exhibit prefigured the raw brutality of Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ."

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THE CHRIST E3

An exaltation of colors and a riot of forms

By Constantino C. Tejero

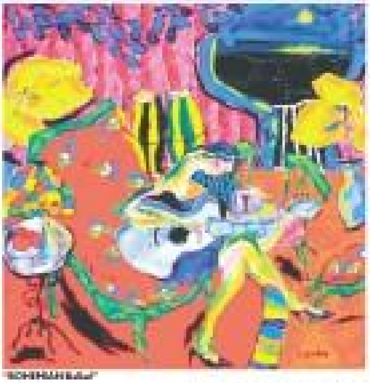


"GARDEN"



"THE PIANIST"

Joyous world



"BOHEMIAN Ballad"

Stylized pieces



"THREE Sisters"

Malang's works on paper



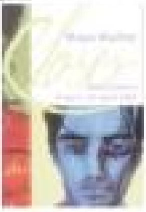
Limpe's expressionist pisces



"FANTASY"

Visual Arts

Muñoz at Hiraya



'Fourplay' at Astra

Fabie-Eteller at Boston

Magno at CCP

Aguas, Mahitan and Veloso at Pinto Art

Summer workshop

Group exhibit

Cartooning, book illustration workshops



"THE GREATEST Feeling with My Clothes on," by Cris Villanueva Jr.



"STILL Life Study," by Romulo Olazo

Dueñas



BY REINIER "Bombel" de la Cruz

Bombel de la Cruz, Villanueva at Mag:Net









The Christ in extreme close-up

> The 'Kristo' exhibit commands us to view the Passion and the countenance

Holy visage

Landscape of grief







